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## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

March 20, 2017

System No. 5400964

Ms. Sandra Blaylock  
Sierra Vista Association  
Rt 2, Box 487  
Delano, CA 93215

**CITATION NO. 03-24-17C-020**

**VIOLATION OF CHSC 116555(a)(1) AND DIRECTIVES OF COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 03-24-15R-022**

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Sierra Vista Association (hereinafter "Water System") public water system.

The Water System will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Board") hourly rate (currently estimated at \$161) for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code, Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Board for actual costs incurred by the State Board for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the State Board has spent approximately one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The Water System will receive a bill sent from the State Board in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the Water System for the current fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tulare District Staff at (559) 447-3300 or by email at [dwpdist24@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwpdist24@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Chad Fischer, P.E.  
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH  
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

Certified Mail No.: 7016 1370 0000 0455 3192

cc: Tulare County Environmental Health Department  
Tom Day, Contract Operator (P.O. Box 10642, Terra Bella, CA 93270)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

**Name of Public Water System:** Sierra Vista Association

**Water System No:** 5400964

**Attention:** Ms. Sandra Blaylock

Rt 2, Box 487

Delano, CA 93215

**Issued:** March 20, 2017

CITATION FOR  
VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 116555(a)(1)  
AND  
DIRECTIVES OF COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 03-24-15R-022

The State Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues this citation pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to the Sierra Vista Association (hereinafter "Water System") for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and directives of Compliance Order No. 03-24-15R-022.

A copy of the applicable statutes and regulations are included in Appendix 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Division is informed by the Sierra Vista Association (hereinafter "Water System") and believes that the Water System is a community water system located in Tulare County that supplies water for domestic purposes to approximately 44 individuals through 13 service connections. The Water System operates under a domestic water supply permit (No. 03-24-15P-049) issued by the Division on November 19, 2015. The Water System is a community public water system as defined in CHSC, section 116275.

The Division issued Compliance Order No. 03-24-15R-022 to the Water System on November 13, 2015 for noncompliance with the nitrate maximum contaminant level (hereinafter "MCL"). A copy of the Compliance Order is included as Attachment 2. The Compliance Order directed the Water System to take certain actions, including the following Directives:

1. On or before **December 1, 2018**, comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64431 and remain in compliance.
2. On or before **November 30, 2015**, submit a written response to the Division indicating the Water System's agreement to comply with the directives of this Order and with the Corrective Action Plan addressed herein.
3. Commencing on the date of service of this Order, provide quarterly public notification in accordance with Attachment B, hereto, of the Water System's failure to meet the nitrate MCL (10 mg/L as N) during any calendar quarter that the sample results exceeds the MCL.



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- 2 4. Commencing on the date of service of this Order, submit proof of
- 3 each public notification conducted in compliance with Directive
- 4 No. 3, herein above, within 10 days following each such
- 5 notification, using the form provided as Attachment C, hereto.
- 6 5. Commencing on the date of service of this Order collect quarterly
- 7 samples for nitrate as N from Well 01, as required by Section
- 8 64432(g), and ensure that the analytical results are reported to the
- 9 Division electronically by the analyzing laboratory no later than the
- 10 10<sup>th</sup> day following the month in which the analysis was completed.
- 11 6. Prepare for Division approval a Corrective Action Plan identifying
- 12 improvements to the water system designed to correct the water
- 13 quality problem (violation of the nitrate MCL) and ensure that the
- 14 Water System delivers water to consumers that meets primary
- 15 drinking water standards. The plan shall include a time schedule
- 16 for completion of each of the phases of the project such as
- 17 design, construction, and startup, and a date as of which the
- 18 Water System will be in compliance with the nitrate MCL, which
- 19 date shall be no later than December 1, 2018.
- 20 7. On or before January 31, 2016, present the Corrective Action
- 21 Plan required under Directive No. 6, above, to the Division in
- 22 person at the Division's offices located at 265 W. Bullard Avenue,
- 23 Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93704.
- 24 8. Timely perform the Division approved Corrective Action Plan and
- 25 each and every element of said plan according to the time
- 26 schedule set forth therein.
- 27 9. On or before January 10, 2016, and every three months
- 28 thereafter, submit a report to the Division in the form provided as

Attachment D, hereto, showing actions taken during the previous calendar three months to comply with the Corrective Action Plan.

10. Not later than ten (10) days following the date of compliance with the nitrate MCL, demonstrate to the Division that the water delivered by Water System complies with the nitrate MCL.

11. Notify the Division in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the deadline for performance of any Directive set forth herein if Water System anticipates it will not timely meet such performance deadline.

To date, the Water System has failed to comply with Directive Nos. 6, 7, and 9 of Compliance Order No. 03-24-15R-022. The Water System has not presented a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for correction of the nitrate MCL to the Division. The Water System continues to violate the nitrate MCL and does not appear to be making progress towards the compliance deadline established in Directive No. 1 of Compliance Order No. 03-24-15R-022. Having failed to prepare and present a CAP (Directive Nos. 6&7) to the Division, the Water System has failed to routinely submit the required quarterly progress reports showing actions taken during the previous calendar quarter to comply with the CAP, as required by Directive No. 9.

#### DETERMINATION

Based on the above Statement of Facts, the Division has determined that the Water System has violated CHSC, Section 116555 and further has determined that said violation has continued from January 31, 2016, and through the date of this Citation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Section 116650(a) of the CHSC allows for the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued thereunder. Section 116650(d) and (e) allow for the assessment of a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurs.

The Water System has failed to comply with the Directives of Compliance Order No. 03-24-15R-022. Therefore, the Division hereby assesses an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) upon the Sierra Vista Association Water System.

**DIRECTIVES**

The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. On or before December 1, 2018, comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64431 and remain in compliance.
2. Prepare for Division approval a Corrective Action Plan identifying improvements to the water system designed to correct the water quality problem (violation of the nitrate MCL) and ensure that the Water System delivers water to consumers that meets primary drinking water standards. The plan shall include a time schedule for completion of each of the phases of the project such as design, construction, and startup, and a date as of which the Water System will be in compliance with the nitrate MCL, which date shall be no later than December 1, 2018.



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2 3. On or before May 5, 2017, present the Corrective Action Plan  
3 required under Directive No. 6, above, to the Division in person at the  
4 Division's offices located at 265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101,  
5 Fresno, CA 93704.

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7 4. Timely perform the Division approved Corrective Action Plan and  
8 each and every element of said plan according to the time schedule  
9 set forth therein.

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11 5. On or before April 10, 2017, and every three months thereafter,  
12 submit a report to the Division in the form provided as Attachment D,  
13 hereto, showing actions taken during the previous calendar three  
14 months to comply with the Corrective Action Plan.

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16 6. Notify the Division in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the  
17 deadline for performance of any Directive set forth herein if Water  
18 System anticipates it will not timely meet such performance deadline.  
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20 7. Pay the Penalty of \$1,000 on or before May 5, 2017. Payment shall  
21 be made by check and made payable to the Safe Drinking Water  
22 Account with the number of the Citation written on the back. Further  
23 instruction on submittal of payment is provided in Attachment 3 of this  
24 Citation, *Notice of Citation Issuance*.

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26 The requirement to pay the Penalty and any and all additional penalties shall  
27 be suspended until May 5, 2017. Such suspension of the requirement to  
28 pay the Penalty and any and all additional penalties may be extended by the

1 Division beyond May 5, 2017. Such extension may be effected only by  
2 written notice from the Division to the Water System. Additionally, the  
3 requirement to pay the Penalty and any and all penalties may be waived if  
4 the Division, in its sole discretion, determines that the Water System has  
5 complied with the directives of this Citation. Such waiver may be effected  
6 only by written notice from the Division to the Water System.

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8 All submittals required by this Citation, other than the payment of the  
9 Penalty, shall be addressed to:

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11 Chad Fischer, P.E.  
12 Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District  
13 State Water Resources Control Board  
14 Division of Drinking Water  
15 265 W. Bullard Ave., Suite 101  
16 Fresno, CA 93704  
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18 The State Board reserves the right to make such modifications to this  
19 Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such  
20 modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be  
21 effective upon issuance.

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23 Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet  
24 the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12,  
25 Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard,  
26 permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.



**PARTIES BOUND**

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

**SEVERABILITY**

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

**FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

The California SDWA authorizes the State Board to: issue a citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the State Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Board. The State Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

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Carl L. Carlucci, P.E.  
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Supervising Sanitary Engineer  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH  
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

3-20-2017  
Date



Appendices (3):

1. Applicable Statutes and Regulations
2. Copy of Compliance Order
3. Notice of Citation Issuance Penalty

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## APPENDIX 1. APPLICABLE STATUTES FOR

### Violations of California Health and Safety Code (CHSC)

**Section 116271 states in relevant part:**

- (a) The State Water Resources Control Board succeeds to and is vested with all of the authority, duties, powers, purposes, functions, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health, its predecessors, and its director for purposes of all of the following:
- (1) The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act (Article 3 (commencing with Section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101).
  - (2) Article 3 (commencing with Section 106875) of Chapter 4 of Part 1.
  - (3) Article 1 (commencing with Section 115825) of Chapter 5 of Part 10.
  - (4) This chapter and the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997 (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 116760)).
  - (5) Article 2 (commencing with Section 116800), Article 3 (commencing with Section 116825), and Article 4 (commencing with Section 116875) of Chapter 5.
  - (6) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 116975).
  - (7) The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Division 43 (commencing with Section 75001) of the Public Resources Code).
  - (8) The Water Recycling Law (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 13500) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
  - (9) Chapter 7.3 (commencing with Section 13560) of Division 7 of the Water Code.
  - (10) The California Safe Drinking Water Bond Law of 1976 (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 13850) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
  - (11) Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act (Division 20.5 (commencing with Section 73500) of the Water Code).
  - (12) Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5 (commencing with Section 79500) of the Water Code).
- (b) The State Water Resources Control Board shall maintain a drinking water program and carry out the duties, responsibilities, and functions described in this section. Statutory reference to "department," "state department," or "director" regarding a function transferred to the State Water Resources Control Board shall refer to the State Water Resources Control Board. This section does not impair the authority of a local health officer to enforce this chapter or a county's election not to enforce this chapter, as provided in Section 116500...
- (k) (1) The State Water Resources Control Board shall appoint a deputy director who reports to the executive director to oversee the issuance and enforcement of public water system permits and other duties as appropriate. The deputy director shall have public health expertise.
- (2) The deputy director is delegated the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to provide notice, approve notice content, approve emergency notification plans, and take other action pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450), to issue, renew, reissue, revise, amend, or deny any public water system permits pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525), to suspend or revoke any public water system permit pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625), and to issue citations, assess penalties, or issue orders pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650). Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450) or Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525) are deemed decisions and actions taken, but are not subject to reconsideration, by the State Water Resources Control Board. Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625) and Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650) are deemed decisions and actions taken by the State Water Resources Control Board, but any aggrieved person may petition the State Water Resources Control Board for reconsideration of the decision or action. This subdivision is not a limitation on the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to delegate any other powers and duties.

**Section 116555 states in relevant part:**

- (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of the following:
- (1) Complies with primary and secondary drinking water standards.
  - (2) Will not be subject to backflow under normal operating conditions.
  - (3) Provides a reliable and adequate supply of pure, wholesome, healthful, and potable water.

**Section 116650 states in relevant part:**

- (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the



## Appendix 1. Applicable Statutes And Regulations

certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.

(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

(e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

### **Section 116655 states in relevant part:**

(a) Whenever the department determines that any person has violated or is violating this chapter, or any permit, regulation, or standard issued or adopted pursuant to this chapter, the director may issue an order doing any of the following:

(1) Directing compliance forthwith.

(2) Directing compliance in accordance with a time schedule set by the department.

(3) Directing that appropriate preventive action be taken in the case of a threatened violation.

(b) An order issued pursuant to this section may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all of the following requirements:

(1) That the existing plant, works, or system be repaired, altered, or added to.

(2) That purification or treatment works be installed.

(3) That the source of the water supply be changed.

(4) That no additional service connection be made to the system.

(5) That the water supply, the plant, or the system be monitored.

(6) That a report on the condition and operation of the plant, works, system, or water supply be submitted to the department.

**APPENDIX 2. COPY OF COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 03-24-15R-022**

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3 **CALIFORNIA**  
4 **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
5 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**  
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7 TO: Sierra Vista Association  
8 ATTN: Ms. Sandra Blaylock  
9 Route 2, Box 487  
10 Delano, CA 93215  
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12 **COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 03-24-15R-022**  
13 **FOR**  
14 **VIOLATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 1166555 (a)(1)**  
15 **AND THE PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD FOR NITRATE,**  
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17 **Dated November 13, 2015**  
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19 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and  
20 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director  
21 for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues this compliance order  
22 (hereinafter "Order") pursuant to Section 116655 of the California Health and Safety  
23 Code (hereinafter "CHSC") to Sierra Vista Association for violation of CHSC section  
24 116555(a)(1) and Title 22, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"),  
25 Section 64431.  
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**APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

**CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) states in relevant part:**

- (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of the following:
- (1) Complies with primary and secondary drinking water standards.

**CHSC, Section 116655 states in relevant part:**

- (a) Whenever the department determines that any person has violated or is violating this chapter, or any permit, regulation, or standard issued or adopted pursuant to this chapter, the director may issue an order doing any of the following:
- (1) Directing compliance forthwith.
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  - (3) Directing that appropriate preventive action be taken in the case of a threatened violation.
- (b) An order issued pursuant to this section may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all of the following requirements:
- (1) That the existing plant, works, or system be repaired, altered, or added to.
  - (2) That purification or treatment works be installed.
  - (3) That the source of the water supply be changed.
  - (4) That no additional service connection be made to the system.
  - (5) That the water supply, the plant, or the system be monitored.
  - (6) That a report on the condition and operation of the plant, works, system, or water supply be submitted to the department.

**Title 22, CCR, Section 64431 (hereinafter "Section 64431"), states in relevant part:**

Public water systems shall comply with the primary MCLs in table 64431-A as specified in this article.

**Table 64431-A**  
**Maximum Contaminant Levels**  
**Inorganic Chemicals**

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Aluminum	1.
Antimony	0.006
Nitrate	0.010
Asbestos	7 MFL*
Barium	1.
<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.05
Cyanide	0.15
Fluoride	2.0
Hexavalent chromium	0.010
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	45.
Nitrate+Nitrite (sum as	10.
Nitrite (as nitrogen)	1.
Perchlorate	0.006
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002

\* MFL=million fibers per liter; MCL for fibers exceeding 10 um in length.

Title 22, CCR Section 64432 (hereinafter "Section 64432") provides in relevant part:

**Section 64432.1**

(a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table 64431-A, all public water systems using groundwater and transient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor annually, and all community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor quarterly.

(1) The water supplier shall require the laboratory to notify the supplier within 24 hours whenever the level of nitrate in a single sample exceeds the MCL, and shall ensure that a contact person is available to receive such analytical results 24-hours a day. The water supplier shall also require the laboratory to immediately notify the Division of any acute nitrate MCL exceedance if the laboratory cannot make direct contact with the designated contact person within 24 hours. Within 24 hours of notification, the water supplier shall:

(A) Collect another sample, and



- 1 (B) Analyze the new sample; if the average of the two nitrate sample results  
2 exceeds the MCL, report the result to the Division within 24 hours. If the  
3 average does not exceed the MCL, inform the Division of the results  
4 within seven days from the receipt of the original analysis.  
5 (C) If a system is unable to resample within 24 hours, it shall notify the  
6 consumers by issuing a Tier 1 Public Notice pursuant to section 64463.1  
7 and shall collect and analyze a confirmation sample within two weeks of  
8 notification of the results of the first sample.  
9 (2) For public water systems using groundwater, the repeat monitoring  
10 frequency shall be quarterly for at least one year following any one sample  
11 in which the concentration is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the MCL.  
12 After four consecutive quarterly samples are less than the MCL, a system  
13 may request that the Division reduce monitoring frequency to annual  
14 sampling.

### 10 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

11 Division is informed by the Sierra Vista Association Water System (hereinafter  
12 "Water System") and believes that the Water System is a community water system  
13 located in Tulare County that supplies water for domestic purposes to approximately  
14 44 individuals through approximately 13 service connections. The Water System  
15 operates under Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 03-24-15P-049 issued by the  
16 Division. The Water System was recently reclassified from a state small water  
17 system to a community water system. The Water System is a community public  
18 water system as defined in CHSC, section 116275.  
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20 The Water System utilizes one groundwater well as its source of domestic water.  
21 Title 22, CCR, Division 4, Chapter 15, Article 4, establishes primary drinking water  
22 standards and monitoring and reporting requirements for inorganic constituents.  
23 Community and nontransient noncommunity water systems must comply with the  
24 maximum contaminant level for nitrate (as NO<sub>3</sub>) of 45.0 mg/L, as established in Title  
25 22 CCR Section 64431.  
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A sample collected from the Water System on July 14, 2015, showed a nitrate concentration of 58 mg/L in Well 01. Sample results from December 2013 to present are provided in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Well 01 Nitrate Monitoring Results**

Sample Date	Well 01
12/30/13	49 mg/L
1/15/14	49 mg/L
4/28/14	48 mg/L
7/24/14	50 mg/L
10/30/14	51 mg/L
6/9/15	55 mg/L
7/14/15	58 mg/L

Specifically, the Water System exceeded the nitrate MCL (45.0 mg/L as NO<sub>3</sub>) by delivering water to the distribution system that was over the nitrate MCL. The last sample result collected on July 14, 2015 was 58 mg/L.

By regulation, public notification is required on a quarterly basis as long as the well is being used. The Water System must also provide the Division with proof of public notification.

#### **DETERMINATIONS**

Based on the above Statement of Facts, the Division has determined that the Water System has violated CHSC, Section 116555 and Section 64431 in that the water produced by Well 01, exceeded the nitrate MCL as shown in Table 1 above, and further has determined that said violation has continued from December 30, 2013 and through the date of this Order.

**DIRECTIVES**

Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. On or before **December 1, 2018**, comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64431 and remain in compliance.
2. On or before **November 30, 2015**, submit a written response to the Division indicating the Water System's agreement to comply with the directives of this Order and with the Corrective Action Plan addressed herein.
3. Commencing on the date of service of this Order, provide quarterly public notification in accordance with Attachment A, hereto, of the Water System's failure to meet the nitrate MCL (10.0 mg/L as N) during any calendar quarter that the sample results exceeds the MCL.
4. Commencing on the date of service of this Order, submit proof of each public notification conducted in compliance with Directive No. 3, herein above, within 10 days following each such notification, using the form provided as Attachment B, hereto.
5. Commencing on the date of service of this Order collect quarterly samples for nitrate as N from Well 01, as required by Section 64432(g), and ensure that the analytical results are reported to the Division electronically by the analyzing laboratory no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the month in which the analysis was completed.

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3 6. Prepare for Division approval a Corrective Action Plan identifying improvements  
4 to the water system designed to correct the water quality problem (violation of  
5 the nitrate MCL) and ensure that the Water System delivers water to  
6 consumers that meets primary drinking water standards. The plan shall include  
7 a time schedule for completion of each of the phases of the project such as  
8 design, construction, and startup, and a date as of which the Water System will  
9 be in compliance with the nitrate MCL, which date shall be no later than  
10 December 1, 2018.
- 11 7. On or before **January 31, 2016**, present the Corrective Action Plan required  
12 under Directive No. 6, above, to the Division in person at the Division's offices  
13 located at 265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93704.
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15 8. Timely perform the Division approved Corrective Action Plan and each and  
16 every element of said plan according to the time schedule set forth therein.
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18 9. On or before **January 10, 2016**, and every three months thereafter, submit a  
19 report to the Division in the form provided as Attachment C, hereto, showing  
20 actions taken during the previous calendar three months to comply with the  
21 Corrective Action Plan.
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23 10. Not later than ten (10) days following the date of compliance with the nitrate  
24 MCL, demonstrate to the Division that the water delivered by Water System  
25 complies with the nitrate MCL.  
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2 performance of any Directive set forth herein if Water System anticipates it will  
3 not timely meet such performance deadline.  
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5 All submittals required by this Order shall be addressed to:  
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7 Chad Fischer, P.E., Senior Sanitary Engineer  
8 State Water Resources Control Board  
9 Division of Drinking Water, Tulare District  
265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101  
10 Fresno, CA 93704

11 As used in this Order, the date of issuance shall be the date of this Order; and the  
12 date of service shall be the date of service of this Order, personal or by certified  
13 mail, on the Water System.  
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15 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Order and/or to  
16 issue such further order(s) as it may deem necessary to protect public health and  
17 safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Order and shall be  
18 deemed effective upon issuance.  
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20 Nothing in this Order relieves Water System of its obligation to meet the  
21 requirements of the California SDWA, or any regulation, standard, permit or order  
22 issued thereunder.  
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1 **PARTIES BOUND**

2 This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Water System, its owners,  
3 shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and  
4 assignees.  
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7 **SEVERABILITY**

8 The Directives of this Order are severable, and Water System shall comply with  
9 each and every provision hereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other  
10 provision.  
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13 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

14 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue a citation with assessment of  
15 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation  
16 of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard,  
17 citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to  
18 correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA  
19 also authorizes the Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been  
20 issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable  
21 law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Board; and to petition  
22 the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water  
23 system that has failed to comply with an order of the Board. The Board does not  
24 waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Order.  
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Central California Section  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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11-13-2015  
Date

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Applicable Authorities
- Attachment B: Public Notification Form
- Attachment C: Proof of Notification Form
- Attachment D: Quarterly Progress Report Form



cc: County of Tulare, Department of Environmental Health (w/o attachments)

## APPENDIX 3. CITATION ISSUANCE PENALTY FORM

### DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH

#### NOTICE OF CITATION ISSUANCE PENALTY

#### BACKGROUND STATEMENT

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, issued **Citation No. 03-24-17C-020** for the **Sierra Vista Association** (Public Water System No. **5400964**).

This Citation carries a penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

On or Before **May 5, 2017**, submit a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable to:

**SWRCB – Division of Drinking Water**

and mail to:

**SWRCB Accounting Office  
ATTN: Drinking Water Program Fees  
P.O. Box 1888  
Sacramento, CA 95812-1888**

(Please indicate the Citation Number on the Check)

(Attach Check Here)